

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** quality after-school programs and opportunities provide safe, challenging, and engaging learning experiences that help children develop social, emotional, physical, and academic skills; and
- WHEREAS,** after-school programs support working families by ensuring children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and
- WHEREAS,** after-school programs build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families, and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** after-school programs engage families, schools and community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after-school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults; and
- WHEREAS,** Lights on After School, the national celebration of after-school programs, promotes the importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, families, and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** 19.4 million families report that they would enroll their child in an after-school program if one were available; and
- WHEREAS,** many-after school programs across the country may be facing funding shortfalls; and
- WHEREAS,** the state of Vermont is committed to investing in the health and safety of all young Vermonters by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and prepare young people to compete in the global economy.

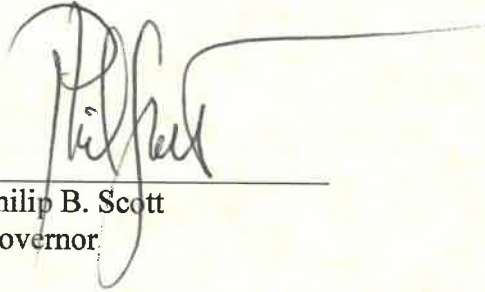
NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2017


KEEP THE LIGHTS ON AFTER SCHOOL DAY

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 14th day of September, A.D. 2017.



Philip B. Scott
Governor


Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs